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Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee: Meetings

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix 1-16), of three meetings of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee (Review Committee). The Review Committee will meet on April 10, 2014, from 2 p.m. until approximately 6 p.m. EDT via teleconference; November 20-21, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST in Washington, DC; and on December 11, 2014, from 2 p.m. until approximately 4 p.m. EST via teleconference, if necessary. All meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: The Review Committee will meet on April 10, 2014; November 20-21, 2014; and December 11, 2014, if necessary. For the April 10 meeting, both public comment requests and accompanying materials, and requests for culturally identifiable information (CUI) disposition, must be received by February 24, 2014. For the November 20-21 meeting, public comment requests and accompanying materials must be received by October 6, 2014. Requests for CUI disposition must be received by September 15, 2014. Requests for findings of fact must be received by August 29, 2014. Requests to convene parties and facilitate the resolution of a dispute must be received by July 25, 2014.

ADDRESSES: The Review Committee will meet at the National Museum of the American Indian, Fourth Street and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20560, on November 20-21, 2014. Electronic submissions are to be sent to NAGPRA_info@nps.gov. Mailed submissions are to be sent to Designated Federal Officer, NAGPRA Review Committee, National Park Service, National NAGPRA Program, 1201 Eye Street, NW, 8th Floor (2253), Washington, DC 20005.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix 1-16), of three meetings of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee (Review Committee). The Review Committee was established in Section 8 of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3006.

Teleconference Meeting, April 10, 2014

The Review Committee will meet on April 10, 2014, from 2 p.m. until approximately 6 p.m. EDT via teleconference. This meeting will be open to the public. Those who desire to attend the meeting should contact NAGPRA@rap.midco.net, between March 31, 2014, and April 8, 2014, to be provided the telephone access number for the meeting. The agenda for this meeting will include discussion of the Review Committee's Report to the Congress for 2014 and National NAGPRA Program reports. In addition, the agenda may include requests to the Review Committee for a recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior, as required by law, in order to effect the agreed-upon disposition of Native American human remains determined to be culturally unidentifiable and for public comment by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, museums, Federal agencies, and the public. The agenda and materials for this meeting will be posted on or before March 10, 2014, at <http://www.nps.gov/nagpra>.

The Review Committee is soliciting public comment by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, museums, and Federal agencies on the following two topics: (1) The progress

made, and any barriers encountered, in implementing NAGPRA and (2) the outcomes of disputes reviewed by the Review Committee pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3006 (c)(4). The Review Committee also will consider other public comment by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, museums, Federal agencies, and the public. A public comment request must, at minimum, include an abstract of the presentation and contact information for the presenter(s). Public comment requests and presentation materials must be received by February 24, 2014.

The Review Committee will consider requests for a recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior, as required by law, in order to effect the agreed-upon disposition of Native American human remains determined to be CUI. A CUI disposition request must include the appropriate, completed form posted on the National NAGPRA Program website and, as applicable, the ancillary materials noted on the form. To access and download the appropriate form – either the form for CUI with a “tribal land” or “aboriginal land” provenience or the form for CUI without a “tribal land” or “aboriginal land” provenience – go to <http://www.nps.gov/nagpra>, and then click on “Request for CUI Disposition Forms.” CUI disposition requests must be received by February 24, 2014.

Submissions may be made in one of three ways:

1. Electronically, as an attachment to a message (preferred for submissions of 10 pages or less). Electronic submissions are to be sent to NAGPRA_info@nps.gov.

2. By mail, on a single compact disc (preferred for submissions of more than 10 pages).

Mailed submissions are to be sent to: Designated Federal Officer, NAGPRA Review Committee, National Park Service, National NAGPRA Program, 1201 Eye Street, NW, 8th Floor (2253), Washington, DC 20005.

3. By mail, in hard copy.

Such items are subject to posting on the National NAGPRA Program website prior to the meeting.

Meeting, November 20-21, 2014

The Review Committee will meet on November 20-21, 2014, at the National Museum of the American Indian, Fourth Street and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20560, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST. This meeting will be open to the public. The agenda for this meeting will include the finalization of the Review Committee Report to Congress for 2014; discussion of the scope of the Report; National NAGPRA Program reports; and, if published, comments upon proposed regulations to revise 43 CFR part 10. In addition, the agenda may include requests to the Review Committee for a recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior, as required by law, in order to effect the agreed-upon disposition of Native American human remains determined to be culturally unidentifiable; public comment by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, museums, Federal agencies, and the public; requests to the Review Committee, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3006 (c)(3), for review and findings of fact related to the identity or cultural affiliation of human remains or other cultural items, or the return of such items; and facilitation of the resolution of disputes among parties convened by the Review Committee pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3006 (c)(4). Presentation to the Review Committee by telephone may be requested but is not guaranteed. The agenda and materials for this meeting will be posted on or before October 20, 2014, at <http://www.nps.gov/nagpra>.

The Review Committee is soliciting public comment by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, museums, and Federal agencies on the following two topics: (1) The progress made, and any barriers encountered, in implementing NAGPRA and (2) the outcomes of disputes reviewed by the Review Committee pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3006 (c)(4). The Review Committee also will consider other public comment by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, museums, Federal agencies, and the public. A public comment request must, at minimum, include an abstract of the presentation and contact information for the presenter(s). Public comment requests and presentation materials must be received by October 6, 2014.

The Review Committee will consider requests for a recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior, as required by law, in order to effect the agreed-upon disposition of Native American human remains determined to be CUI. A CUI disposition request must include the appropriate, completed form posted on the National NAGPRA Program website and, as applicable, the ancillary materials noted on the form. To access and download the appropriate form – either the form for CUI with a “tribal land” or “aboriginal land” provenience or the form for CUI without a “tribal land” or “aboriginal land” provenience – go to <http://www.nps.gov/nagpra>, and then click on “Request for CUI Disposition Forms.” CUI disposition requests must be received by September 15, 2014.

The Review Committee will consider requests, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3006 (c)(3), for review and findings of fact related to the identity or cultural affiliation of human remains or other cultural items, or the return of such items, where consensus among affected parties is unclear or uncertain. A request for findings of fact must be accompanied by a statement of the fact(s) at issue and supporting materials, including those exchanged by the parties to consultation concerning the Native American human remains and/or other cultural items. Requests for findings of fact must be received by August 29, 2014.

The Review Committee will consider requests, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3006 (c)(4), to convene parties and facilitate the resolution of a dispute, where consensus clearly has not been reached among affected parties regarding the identity or cultural affiliation of human remains or other cultural items, or the return of such items. A request to convene parties and facilitate the resolution of a dispute must be accompanied by a statement of the decision of the museum or Federal agency subject to the dispute resolution request, a statement of the issue and the materials exchanged by the parties concerning the Native American human remains and/or other cultural items. Requests to convene parties and facilitate resolution of a dispute must be received by July 25, 2014.

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3. By mail, in hard copy.

Such items are subject to posting on the National NAGPRA Program website prior to the meeting.

Teleconference, December 11, 2014

The Review Committee will also meet via teleconference on December 11, 2014, from 2 p.m. until approximately 4 p.m. EST, for the sole purpose of finalizing the Review Committee Report to Congress, should the report not be finalized by November 21. This meeting will be open to the public. Those who desire to attend the meeting should contact NAGPRA@rap.midco.net, between November 25 and December 2, 2014, to be provided the telephone access number for the meeting. A transcript and minutes of the meeting will also appear on the website.

General Information

Information about NAGPRA, the Review Committee, and Review Committee meetings is available on the National NAGPRA Program website at <http://www.nps.gov/nagpra>. For the Review Committee's meeting procedures, click on "Review Committee," then click on "Procedures." Meeting minutes may be accessed by going to the website, then clicking on "Review Committee," and then clicking on "Meeting Minutes." Approximately fourteen weeks

after each Review Committee meeting, the meeting transcript is posted for a limited time on the National NAGPRA Program website.

Review Committee members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. The Review Committee is responsible for monitoring the NAGPRA inventory and identification process; reviewing and making findings related to the identity or cultural affiliation of cultural items, or the return of such items; facilitating the resolution of disputes; compiling an inventory of culturally unidentifiable human remains that are in the possession or control of each Federal agency and museum, and recommending specific actions for developing a process for disposition of such human remains; consulting with Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations and museums on matters affecting such tribes or organizations lying within the scope of work of the Committee; consulting with the Secretary of the Interior on the development of regulations to carry out NAGPRA; and making recommendations regarding future care of repatriated cultural items. The Review Committee's work is carried out during the course of meetings that are open to the public.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: March 5, 2014.

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Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee.

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